

The system in Luzeski contains an applet server 12-1 that is configured to provide Java applets to the web-based clients. (Col. 5, line 23-24). The applet server 12-1 is configured "to download (to the client PC 20) the Java applets required to provide an active desktop, and then communicates with the applets to provide the look and feel of the messaging desktop." (Col. 5, lines 44-49). The client process 22 does not, however, transmit applets to the applet server. Rather, the client process 22 uses the applets provided by the applet server to provide data to the applet server (col. 19, lines 22-24) which is then passed to the session manager. The session manager converts the client requests into one or more calls on the CMC layer 10-4.

Thus, Luzeski does not teach or suggest that object-oriented language independent requests in the form of Java applets should be used to access resources, as suggested by the Examiner. Rather, Luzeski teaches the opposite situation – a system in which Java applets are passed from the server to the clients to configure the appearance of the end client 22 and put the data in a format acceptable to the session manager.

Independent claim 1 recites "means for receiving from a client application, coupled to the data network, an object-oriented, language independent request for access to the resource. Since Luzeski fails to teach or suggest a system as claimed in independent claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-4, and 7-11, under 35 U.S.C. 102 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 12 recites a method comprising: "receiving from a client application an object-oriented, language independent request for access to the resource." Since Luzeski fails to teach or suggest a method as claimed, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claim 12 be withdrawn.

Additionally, the Examiner has taken the position that the session manager 10-5 in Luzeski performs the function of "tracking availability of the resource." Specifically, the Examiner has taken the position that Luzeski teaches "a resource manager (10-5, fig. 1) for tracking availability of the resource (col 8, lines 17-30)."

Applicants respectfully submit that the session manager 10-5 in Luzeski does not perform the functions ascribed to it by the Examiner.

Luzeski describes a web browser interface to the Universal Messaging System which allows HTTP sessionless communications to access resources without requiring a new logon procedure to take place with every request. The job of the session manager in Luzeski is to establish a session with the CMC layer 10-4 on behalf of the user and associate a session ID with the session. The session manager saves the profile identifier, password, and session in a session record so that subsequent requests from the Web browser interface are automatically accompanied by the user's mail profile identifier, password, and session ID without the user's knowledge. (Col. 6, line 41 to Col. 7, line 6). This enables the appearance of a continuous session to take place even though the communications between the client 22 and the messaging platform are taking place over the internet via a sessionless protocol.

The session manager in Luzeski, therefore, is not managing resources on the messaging platform 10, but rather is managing communications sessions with end clients desiring access to those resources.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1, further comprising "a resource administrator for tracking availability of the resource." Since the session manager 10-5 in Luzeski does not track the availability of the resource, applicants respectfully submit that claim 2 is

allowable over Luzeski, and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. .103 as unpatentable over Luzeski in view of Osder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,166). Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and are therefore patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of foregoing claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully Submitted



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